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2. VISITORS INDICATED THEY MIGHT SEEK ADDITIONAL CALLS IN STATE. IF THEY DO SO IN EA FRONT OFFICE THEY WILL BE INFORMED PRINCIPALS TOO BUSY, BUT THAT THEIR PAMPHLET HAS BEEN READ. HA (SALMON) HAS BEEN ALERTED THAT THEY ARE IN TOWN, AND PROVIDED COPY OF PAMPHLET. VISITORS SAID THEY HAD ALREADY MET WITH HILL STAFFERS (SENATORS GLENN AND CHURCH, CONGRESSMEN FRASER, WOLFF AND CONGRESSWOMAN BURKE) AND HOPED TO MEET SOME MEMBERS INCLUDING SPEAKER O'NEILL AND SENATOR KENNEDY. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF ANY OF THESE MEETINGS.

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4. PHILIPPINE EMBASSY (CAGAMPAN) ALERTED US TO FACT THAT PAIR WERE IN WASHINGTON, ADDING THAT GOP CONSIDERS THEM WITHOUT CREDENTIALS, EVEN IN BMLO CIRCLES. INTERESTINGLY VISITORS MADE NO MENTION OF HASHIM SALAMAT, BUT RATHER GAVE IMPRESSION THEY WERE LEADING BMLO FROM SAUDI ARABIA WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING FOR PAST THREE YEARS.

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